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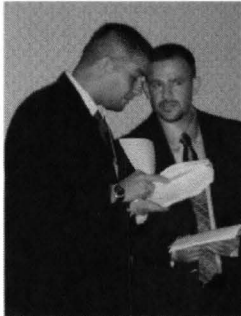
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BLUE SKY BUILDERS AND NNMCC MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH RYAN CORDOVA

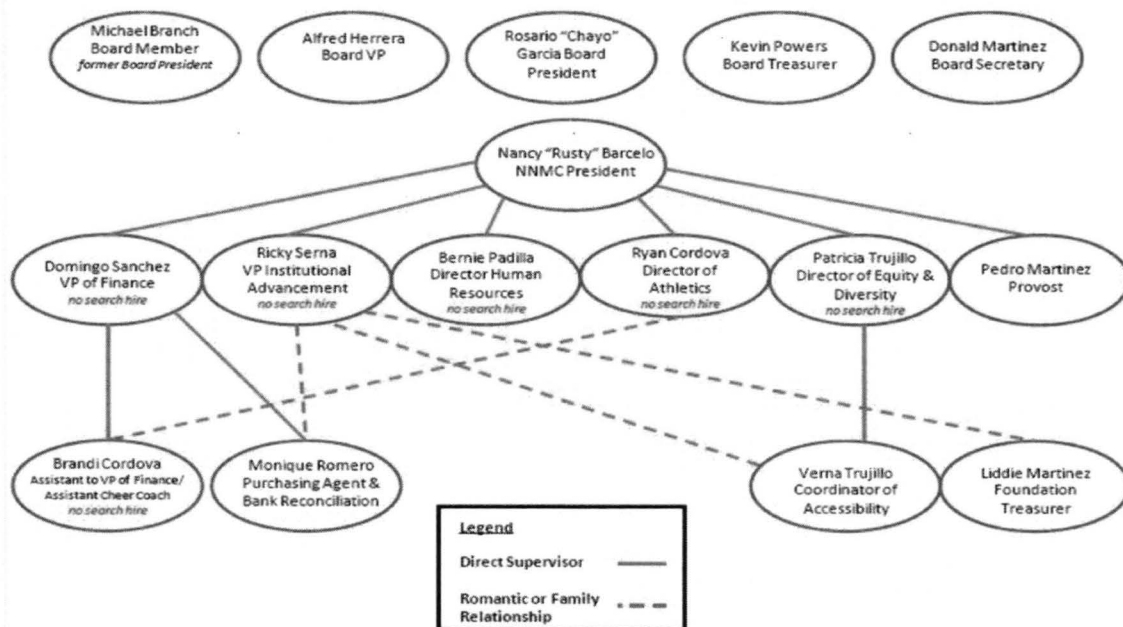


VP of Advancement Serna,
Coach/Contractor Ryan Cordova

Men's Basketball Coach Ryan Cordova's family, owners of "Blue Sky Builders," have completed several no-bid contracts for NNMCC, with his wife Brandi Cordova as the internal NNMCC approval signature for purchase orders and payments from NNMCC. In addition, the NNMCC "buyer" for Blue Sky Builders has been the current significant other of VP of Advancement Ricky Serna, Ms. Monique Romero. (See full story at: www.nnmccollege.org/blog/nnmc-students-scrooged-as-administrators-raise-tuition-to-line-their-own-pockets)

The Cordova family business "Blue Sky Builders" has invoiced the college for a remodel of the NNMCC bookstore (\$309,000), though our local woman-owned, Pueblo-owned Avanyu builders bid over \$100,000 less for the remodel. A small sampling of the invoices paid to the Cordova family business (below) includes: \$309,000 for bookstore remodel; \$24,690 for new porch; \$19,790 for a silkscreen logo on tile entrance; \$17,824 for remodel of the Board room; \$13,472 for "debris removal" at the Auto Tech building (program was closed by Barcelo and Board); over \$10,000 for rust removal and maintenance for the Child Development Center (closed by Barcelo and Board in 2014).

Northern New Mexico College NNMCC Organizational Map



NNMCC VP of Advancement Ricky Serna, NNMCC Administrative Assistant and NNMCC Custodian of Public Records Brandi Cordova, and Men's Basketball Coach Ryan Cordova




Monique Romero, NNMCC Purchasing and current significant other of VP of Advancement Ricky Serna. Ms. Romero is listed on purchase orders as the NNMCC "buyer" of Blue Sky Builders services



Men's Basketball Coach Ryan Cordova with NNMCC VP of Finance Domingo Sanchez

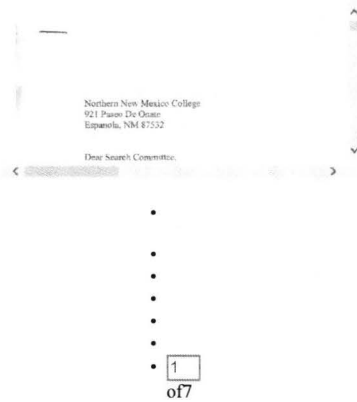
New Mexico Secretary of State Corporation Registration listing NNMC Men's Basketball Coach Ryan Cordova as Vice President of Blue Sky Builders

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BLUE SKY BUILDERS, INC. Domestic Profit The above corporation is in Good Standing until 3/15/2016	
Filing Information	
Corp #	1647825
Status	Active Corporation
Date of Incorporation	Jan-07-1994
State of Incorporation	NM
Fiscal Year Date	Dec-30-2015
Report Due Date	Mar-15-2016
Address Information	
1. Corp Mailing Address PO BOX 608 ESPANOLA, NM - 87532	
2. Principal Place Of Business In NM 18635 N. HWY 84 ESPANOLA, NM - 87532	
Agent Information	
RICHARD CORDOVA 18635 N. HWY 84, ESPANOLA, NM - 87532	
Directors Information	
1. RICHARD CORDOVA	
Officers/Organizer Information	
1. President - RICHARD CORDOVA 2. Vice President - RYAN CORDOVA	
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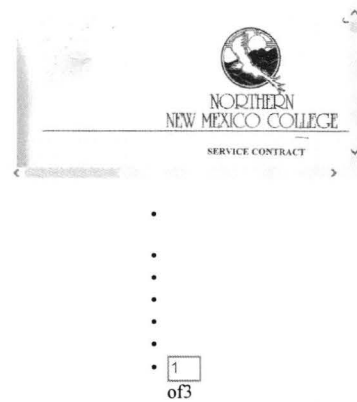
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Purchase orders and records of payment with signatures of approval by Ryan Cordova's wife, Brandi Cordova and Monique Romero, VP Ricky Serna's current significant other, in full below (scroll to the bottom right corner of each document and click the shaded box to enlarge or download).

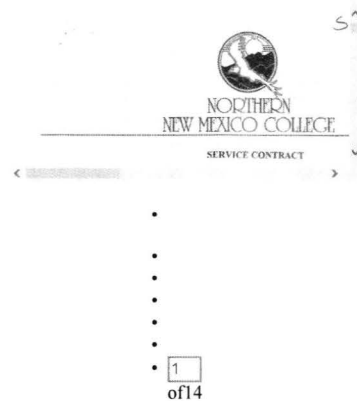
Ryan Cordova's letter of application and resume submitted to NNMC. On his resume, Cordova lists himself as "Owner - Blue Sky Builders"



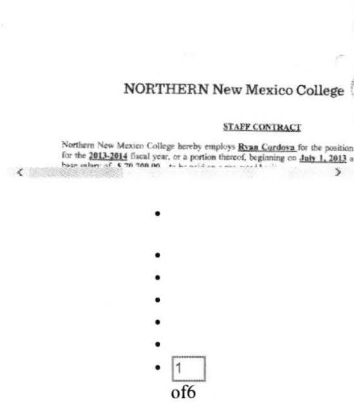
Purchase orders, invoices that show the "Blue Sky Builders" original estimate for \$100,000 less than ultimately paid by NNMC Administrators



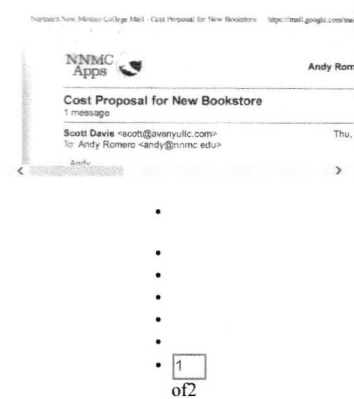
Board room renovation, signature of approval: Brandi Cordova, wife of Ryan Cordova



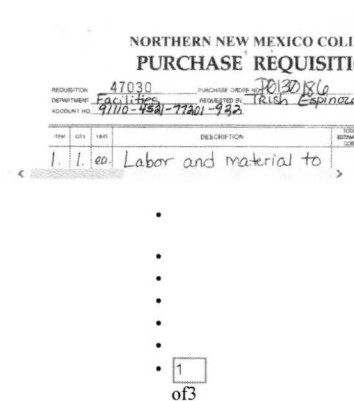
Ryan Cordova's Staff Contracts with Northern New Mexico College. The contracts show an increase in pay of over \$10,000 in the year the President Barcelo furloughed instructors and staff



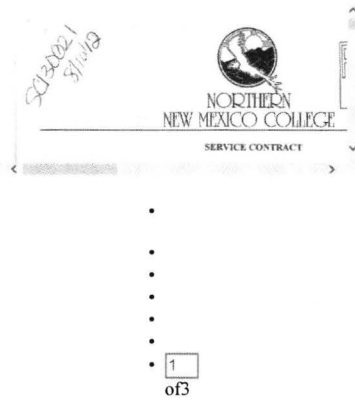
Cost proposal for bookstore renovation by Avanyu Contracting, a Pueblo owned, woman-owned company, whose cost estimate was less than "Blue Sky Builders." More on Avanyu at: <http://www.avanyulc.com/ABOUT.html> (<http://www.avanyulc.com/ABOUT.html>)



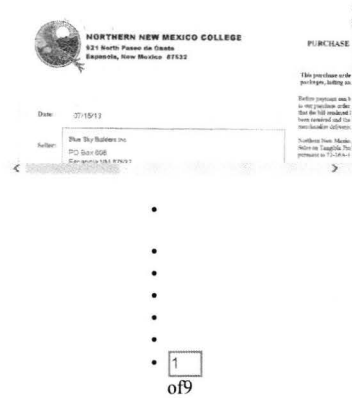
New porch/ front entrance, signature of approval: Brandi Cordova, wife of Ryan Cordova



Lobby renovation that includes "lodging and per diem" for the local contractors



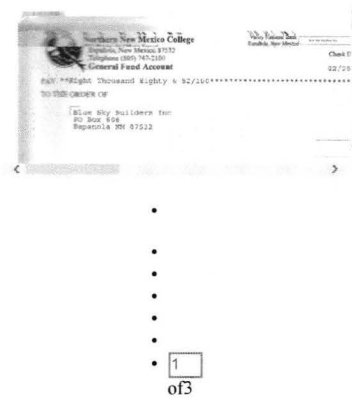
Purchase orders showing "Blue Sky Builders" exceeding budget and requesting additional amounts. Buyer is listed as "Monique Romero," current significant other of VP of Advancement Ricky Serna

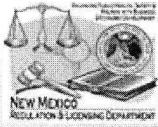


Debris removal at Auto Tech building



Records showing over \$271,000 paid to "Blue Sky Builders" in 2014 for bookstore renovation (below)





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Individual Details

First Name	RICHARD	Middle Name	
Last Name	CORDOVA	Certificate No	25206527
Issue Date		Expiry Date	N/A
Classification	GB98	Status	Unattached

Address

1207 CALLE
SOMBRA

City	ESPANOLA	State	NM
Zip Code	87532	Phone	5057535907

Employed By

Business Name	License Number
<u>BLUE SKY BUILDER</u>	26914

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Company Details

Company Name	BLUE SKY BUILDER	License Number	26914
Phone Number	5057535907	License Status	Cancelled
Issue Date	04/29/1987	Expiry Date	04/30/1995
Volume	\$1000000.00 +		

Address

1207 CALLE SOMBRA

City ESPANOLA

State NM

Zip Code 87532

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The Northern New Mexico College Administration unveiled its plan to close NNMC at El Rito--the seat of the college as defined by the New Mexico Constitution and as defined by New Mexico State Statutes.

Media, including *The Albuquerque Journal*, *The Rio Grande Sun*, and *The Santa Fe New Mexican* have covered the illegal plans for closure of all classes at El Rito. The move to close El Rito is currently under investigation by several New Mexico State authorities.

Click on the stories (below) for the full text of the coverage. The NNMC Board of Regents voted on the El Rito closure at the Thursday, April 23rd meeting.

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El Rito Campus Continues to Suffer

By Carl L. Johnson
Published:
Thursday, August 27, 2015 1:05 PM MDT

Northern New Mexico College administration has decided to close the grandfather campus at El Rito, choosing to "move" the existing classes from El Rito to Española (Spanish colonial furniture and weaving) in order to increase enrollment.

They have further decided that to increase enrollment in the non-credit non-certificate classes, they need to cut the class time from approximately 16 weeks to approximately 8 weeks. You would think that such a drastic cut in class time would result in a significant decrease in tuition, but no. They have decided the tuition and fees should be raised from the \$275 the students were paying for a full semester to \$475 plus a \$25 lab fee.

They have not started moving any machinery from El Rito, nor have they tried to repair any of the machines. There are several completely inoperable pieces of equipment as well as none of the machines have been properly maintained. To plane a board on the poorly maintained planes, leaves a student with hours of hand-sanding to achieve a smooth surface, as the planes leave grooves and gouges in the stock. The lab fee sure does seem to be a bargain.

If it was the administration's intention to alienate students, so it can eliminate the technical programs and shut down the programs, it looks like they have succeeded in spades. Why couldn't they have just said they were shutting down the programs and not use weasel tactics to lead the students on?

By the way, most of the students are retired or disabled veterans and several women. All the students are looking to create beautiful handmade furniture for their homes and to possibly supplement their incomes. So goes the master plan to eliminate traditional woodworking and to drag New Mexico into the modern world of throw-away and plastic.

Carl L. Johnson

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(<http://www.riograndesun.com/articles/2015/08/28/opinion/letters/doc55df3c4415eb6868649204.txt>)

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NNMC relocation move sparks debate

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NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE'S TWO CAMPUSES



By T. S. Lee / Journal Staff Writer
PUBLISHED: Friday, April 17, 2015 at 12:05 am

A group of community members in El Rito plan to bring their concerns over the direction of Northern New Mexico College to the highest level of state government now that the college has announced it is relocating programs from its original site in El Rito to its main campus in Española.

Monday night, after NNMC announced its plans, which also include a 8.9 percent tuition hike to help close a \$900,000 budget gap, the group met to discuss what they might do to keep the El Rito campus vibrant.

"We came up with a three-pronged course of action, not only to deal with the issues at El Rito, but also with other problems involving the college," said El Rito resident Jake Arnold.

Arnold said the plan is to request meetings with the governor or her staff about alleged mismanagement of the college by administrators; with the state auditor regarding the college's finances, use of grant money and conflicts of interest; and with the attorney general's office about legal issues concerning the constitutionally established state educational institution.

(<http://www.abqjournal.com/570810/news/nnmc-relocation-move-sparks-debate.html>)

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Northern Tuition Hiked Again

Two years ago, rates went up 14 percent
By Anne Magallon
NN Staff Writer
Published: Thursday, April 16, 2015 10:55 AM UDT

Despite facing a 14 percent increase in 2013, students at Northern New Mexico College will see another spike in tuition next school year.

Facing a \$2 million reduction in the budget next fiscal year, the Board of Regents voted to increase tuition at an April 10 meeting. Non-course specific fees are also increasing at the same rate, although actual price increases depend on each student's class.

(Quoted by Anne Magallon) Northern New Mexico College board of Regents Vice President Dennis Kearney (left) speaks with President Pedro Martinez before the start of an April 10 board meeting. Regents approved in the meeting to increase tuition and non-course specific fees by 8.9 percent next school year. In an effort to compensate for a \$2 million budget reduction next fiscal year, Dennis Martinez said. Although unfortunate, the increase is badly needed by the college.

(<http://www.riograndesun.com/articles/2015/04/16/news/doc552ec4a8ea340692506375.txt>)

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Our view: At Northern, another crisis

Printed: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7:08 PM
This New Mexican (1) 6 comments

The continual challenges for Northern New Mexico College are taking their toll on the school, founded in 1909 as the Spanish American Normal School. Facing a \$900,000 deficit, college leaders announced plans this week to stop classes at the school's original El Rito campus and raise tuition and general fees by nearly 9 percent.

Trouble is, the state constitution defines Northern's seat as being in El Rito. It's unclear whether campus leaders can completely cut El Rito out of the picture, no matter what the motivation. Already, the El Rito location doesn't offer for-credit courses, and moving the under-enrolled noncredit classes is understandable — except for that pesky constitutional question that needs to be answered. (The school website, nnmc.edu/wordpress/, still refers to the "historic El Rito campus" that is "home to our weaving, retablo, and woodcarving classes.")

(http://www.santafenewmexican.com/opinion/editorials/our-view-at-northern-another-crisis/article_50db4b1f-a70f-57f9-bb16-ad0887d16b8a.html)

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Española college battles flap over name change

Posted: Saturday, April 4, 2015 7:00 pm
By Milan Simonich
The New Mexican | 3 comments

In a largely unheralded move in January, the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico College voted to change the school's name to "Northern New Mexico University." Officials at the time said the change would better reflect the school's academic offerings, and would help the institution be regarded in the same light as the state's other regional universities, such as Western New Mexico in Silver City and New Mexico Highlands in Las Vegas.

But now, even before any signs have been changed on the school's Española campus, the new name is at the center of the latest fight besetting the school, which has been mired in budget and personnel controversies for much of the past year.

(http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/education/esp-ola-college-battles-flap-over-name-change/article_fb04cba5-c5f8-5e2a-8391-f6291d9dcea3.html)

Media coverage of the unauthorized, costly and misleading name change from Northern New Mexico College to Northern New Mexico University has been extensive. The Santa Fe New Mexican feature article [left] was followed by articles in *Inside Higher Ed*, *The Arizona Daily Star*, and *The Houston Chronicle* among others. New Mexico news stations also featured the story on evening news broadcasts as well as on their websites. See more at: <http://www.nnmcstudygroup.org/blog/extensive-and-national-coverage-critical-of-nnmc-name-change> (<http://www.nnmcstudygroup.org/blog/extensive-and-national-coverage-critical-of-nnmc-name-change>)

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Northern Should Learn From Name Change Foul

By Robert Trapp
Published: Thursday, April 9, 2015 10:55 AM MDT

Northern New Mexico College has once again acted without having all the information needed to make a proper decision, without going to the state legislature first, request voted in January to change its name from college to university.

A month later they asked the state's permission to do so. Sen. Carlos Meneses, D-Quezco, presented a bill that would officially change Northern's name, following the presentation and argument of that bill in committee, Seneses withdrew his own bill, agreeing Northern had followed proper protocol.

We took Northern's name change vote with trepidation. It didn't appear correct that a board of regents can just decide to change an institution's name. What slowly brought us to agree to call the college a university was the argument it was only changing the name for name's sake and the legal on-going result follow soon.

(<http://www.riograndesun.com/articles/2015/04/11/opinion/editorials/doc552544eb3978e207443>;

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College Files Suit Against Housing Co.

By Arden Napollitano
Sun Staff Writer
Published: Thursday, April 9, 2015 10:55 AM MDT

Northern New Mexico College officials filed suit against a collegiate housing company, claiming the college should not pay more than \$600,000, because a contract signed by both parties was invalidated.

Northern attorneys, Mark Basham and Peter Dwyer, filed Jan. 30, a petition for declaratory relief in Rio Arriba District Court, against Indiana-based Monument, LLC.

According to the petition, Northern officials signed a development agreement with Monument, April 14, 2014, to oversee the development, design and construction of the proposed Northern dorms.

Northern's Board of Regents approved the \$12.2 million contract with Monument at the Board's April 2014 meeting.

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Some lawmakers critical of school's name change

Posted: Monday, March 26, 2015 7:00 pm
By Milan Simonich
The New Mexican | 4 comments

New Mexico law says the school in Española that grants two- and four-year degrees is a college. But campus administrators already have renamed it Northern New Mexico University.

Now, with five days remaining in this year's legislative session, Northern's management team is taking some heat as it pushes for a bill that would formally rename the school a university.

(http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/education/some-lawmakers-critical-of-school-s-name-change/article_5587d654-5852-55ce-a1e2-ec2b32ba90e.html)

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Former Human Resources Director Settles Federal Lawsuit with Northern

By Arden Napollitano
Sun Staff Writer
Published: Thursday, February 12, 2015 10:55 AM MDT

A federal lawsuit against Northern New Mexico University President Nancy Barcelo was dismissed last month, after university administrators entered into a settlement with a former high-ranking Northern official to resolve her civil rights complaint.

The United States District Court Judge Robert Black dismissed with prejudice, Jan. 12, a discrimination lawsuit filed by Barcelo against Northern New Mexico University Vice President Domingo Sanchez in complaints in April 2014, from the district body over the application of several job-readiness.

(http://uploads/1/7/6/4/17644239/nnmc_discrim.pdf)

FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS GENDER DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT SETTLED

Some details are emerging on the settlement in the federal civil rights case against Northern New Mexico College for its discrimination against women. The anti-woman practices of President Nancy "Rusty" Barcelo's Administration are widely known in New Mexico: Barcelo has the only all male "Executive Team" in New Mexico higher education. Shortly after her arrival, Barcelo removed high-ranking female Administrators, and appointed a male Interim Provost, who would be replaced by another male Provost. In fact, the Provost candidate interviews and campus visits in 2013 would not include a single woman.

Click on image above for full text.

President Calls For Resignation

By Ardee Napolitano
SUN Staff Writer

After keeping it secret for a month, Northern New Mexico University's Board of Regents President Rosario Garcia publicly announced she's calling for the resignation of Board Secretary Donald Martinez.

Garcia made her demand public at a Feb. 26 Board meeting, from which Martinez was absent.

She said she first discussed the matter with Martinez and asked him covertly to resign Jan. 27. Although she said Martinez initially promised to hand in a letter of resignation "within the next hour," he has not formally resigned so far, prompting Garcia to reveal the matter publicly.

"I did this on my own and

the administration staff and other regents did not know of my actions," she said. "As Board president, I believe that it was in my responsibility to assure that the Board membership is working toward the best interest of the institution. I feel like I have every right to ask for his resignation."

Garcia said she's demanding Martinez's resignation after he "accidentally" sent a string of email conversations he had with Northern community members, to some Northern officials. She said Martinez inappropriately provided a confidential document to his correspondents and she deemed the conversation slanderous.

See 'Regent' on page A4

Regent Rosario "Chayo" Garcia Calls for Resignation of Regent Donald Martinez

NNMC Regents Garcia and Branch have called for Regent Donald Martinez's resignation for sharing public records (of a new Board Sub-Committee formed by Branch) and for soliciting feedback from the community.

The Rio Grande Sun writes, "According to the Inspection of Public Records Act, there is 'no exception in the Act that allows a public body to deny inspection of a record simply because it is a draft.' So, the draft charter is a public document." The community has rallied around Regent Martinez--a native of El Rito, a rancher and the only educator on the NNMC Board of Regents.

For more on the call for resignation, see:

<http://www.nnmcstudygroup.org/blog/nnmc-regent-branch-attempts-coup>

(<http://www.nnmcstudygroup.org/blog/nnmc-regent-branch-attempts-coup>) Click article at left for full story.

(<http://www.riograndesun.com/articles/2015/03/05/news/doc54f8794877431261449404.txt>)

2014 AUDIT FINDINGS

The 2014 NNMC Audit shows the college "has overspent its budget for six consecutive years." In addition, the Barcelo Administration violated New Mexico State Statutes by funding capital projects without approval--overspending by \$766,000. See: Monuments LLC, Blue Sky Builders and the Administration's failed dormitory project at:

<http://www.nnmcstudygroup.org/monument-llc.html>

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The audit also documented the over \$317,00 in bounced checks that included short-paying adjunct instructors and late paying full-time faculty and staff.



([uploads/1/7/6/4/17644239/nnmc_audit.pdf](#))

Click on image above for full text.

Other findings included unreconciled physical inventory, inaccurate depreciation of equipment, and insufficient IT financial controls, supporting the claims of the Whistleblower lawsuit filed by prior IT Director Angelo Jacques (see multiple stories below).

Northern Officials Fail to Respond To Complaint

By Ralph Chapoco
SUN Staff Writer

A former Northern New Mexico College employee is asking a judge to rule in his favor because his former employer has not responded to his complaint.

Former information technology director Angelo Jacques filed a motion Oct. 14 asking First District Court Judge Francis Mathew to render a default judgment, essentially giving him a victory in his case against Northern.

Based on the motion, Jacques is asking for compensation because he said he was terminated without cause. He wants double the back-pay he claims he is due

and reimbursement for his attorney and court fees.

Jacques originally filed a complaint for damages under the Whistleblower Act after he was terminated for exposing what he said were controversial practices while employed at Northern.

Jacques described some of the controversial actions he said college administrators had taken, from grant mismanagement to preferential hiring practices.

The suit claims Northern received federal grant money for technology equipment and that equipment had to be listed per the regulations. However, much of the equipment from the grants could not be accounted for.

See 'Suit' on page B2

The ethical concerns of former Northern New Mexico College IT Director and Espanola Valley Veteran Angelo Jacques has resulted in a damning Whistleblower lawsuit. NNMC Administrators have failed to respond to Jacques' charges.

Suit Claims Employees Failed To Follow Procurement Code

Continued from B1

The suit also claims college employees did not follow the state's procurement code when they were providing contracts to outside vendors.

In one instance, Northern Finance Director Henrietta Trujillo paid \$8,500 for a point-of-sale system, rather than accept a quote of \$3,500 for a more appropriate system.

When Jacques confronted Northern's Finance Vice President Domingo Sanchez about the incident, he replied that is "how things are done here" and Trujillo purchased the more expensive system.

The suit states in early 2013, administrators began seeing postings on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and other blogs, with disparaging remarks about the administration's actions.

Sanchez told Jacques to use his technology skills to uncover those who had been posting on the sites.

Jacques refused Sanchez's directive and told him he would do so if he had a written statement that told him it was legal.

Jacques said he felt uncomfortable because of the privacy issues involved.

Jacques also accused North-

ern administrators of improper behavior when Northern's Director of Human Resources Bernie Padilla's son was hired as a temporary employee.

Jacques told Padilla he did not have the money in the budget to hire his son, but a few days later, Padilla's son was in his office, ready to begin his new job.

"I want the administration to be held accountable for what they have done, to recommit itself to the work of the college and to the community," Jacques said. "I also want my reputation back."

Northern administrators had 30 days to respond to the allegations of wrongdoing. According to the motion, the response was due Sept. 12.

"Defendant Northern New Mexico College has not entered an appearance or filed answer or other responsive pleading in this case," the motion states.

Northern Vice President of Institutional Advancement Ricky Serna said he will not issue a comment regarding the suit or any other issues involving litigation.

"I have heard nothing from the administration," Jacques said. "There has not been one thing sent or said by them regarding my case."

It is unclear whether Jacques

will be awarded the default judgment. A default judgment is a ruling a judge makes in favor of one party because the other side failed to take action.

Jacques' attorney, Daniel Yohalem, said oftentimes this motion is what motivates the other party to move the case forward and a default judgment usually does not happen.

The motion alleges that Jacques' attorneys sent the necessary paperwork to Padilla, and College administrators have had more than enough time to respond to the allegations. Jacques' lawyers said they simply refuse to do so.

"This is what I would expect from Northern based on their prior behavior," Daniel Yohalem, Jacques' primary attorney, said. "This is a serious case and the College is not treating it with the attention it deserves."

Since Northern administrators failed to respond and the deadline has passed, Jacques' attorneys argue Mathew should rule in Jacques' favor and award him damages.

The exact amount of the damages has yet to be decided. According to the motion there will be an additional hearing to decide what the award will be.

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Northern struggles with retention, enrollment numbers

By Ralph Chapoco
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Despite the efforts of Northern New Mexico College staff and students, and with only a few weeks before the fall semester begins, Registrar Officer Kathleen Serna is projecting fewer students than the college had the previous academic year — much to the disappointment of Northern executives.

(http://www.riograndesun.com/articles/2014/08/14/news/education/doc53ebbb9e442e550185678.txt)

Between fall 2011 and fall, 2014 NNMC's Administration and Board of Regents have passed massive increases to fees and tuition, while cutting academic, heritage arts and career tech programs, student services, the Child Development Center. In addition, President Barceló's Administration has removed numerous critical full-time faculty and staff. Numbers released by the NNMC Administration show these practices have now caused over two-thirds loss of full-time equivalent (FTE) students at NNMC.

2011's FTE fall enrollment was 1,254. 2014's FTE fall enrollment is 400. Under the leadership is President Nancy "Rusty" Barceló, Northern New Mexico College has dropped from over 1,200 to just 400 in three years.

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Ex-Northern New Mexico College employee files whistleblower suit

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A former employee of Northern New Mexico College has sued the Espanola-based school, claiming he was put on administrative leave and then ousted because he uncovered financial and administrative waste as well as mismanagement of the campus' technological systems.

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The west entrance to the campus of Northern New Mexico College in Espanola. Clayde Mueller/The New Mexican

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Former Northern NM College IT director files whistleblower suit against college

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By Stephen Adkins, University Herald Reporter

Former Employee Files 'Whistleblower' Lawsuit against Northern New Mexico

Angelo Jacques, a former employee of the Northern New Mexico College, has filed a whistleblower lawsuit against the school for wrongful termination. The complaint has been filed for damages under the Whistleblower Protection Act.

(http://www.universityherald.com/articles/10831/20140811/employee-lawsuit-mexico-whistleblower-financial-technological-federal.html)

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Former employee sues Northern

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A former Northern New Mexico College employee has filed a complaint for damages under the Whistleblower Protection Act against his former employer. In the complaint Angelo Jacques, of Española, exposed many of Northern administrator's actions that he considered unethical and at times illegal.

The Whistleblower Act is designed to protect those who provide information of potential wrongdoing where they work. The law states people cannot be terminated by their employers for reporting potentially unscrupulous behavior.



(SUN)photo by Ralph Chapoco) Angelo Jacques, former director of information technology at Northern New Mexico College, and his wife Maria Campos Jacques discuss his lawsuit against Northern. Jacques claims he was wrongfully terminated because he exposed unscrupulous behavior by Northern executives.

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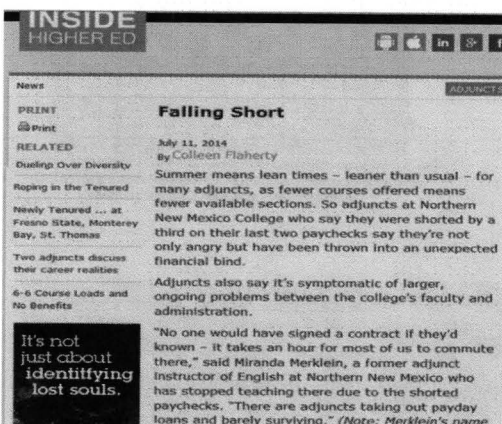
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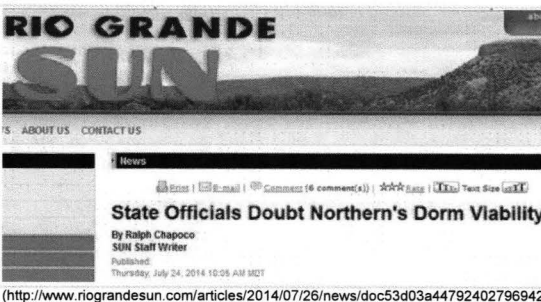
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Academe, published by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has covered the crisis at NNMC extensively. Inside Higher Ed has also covered the issues at Northern. Click the images above for their coverage in full. The Albuquerque Journal reported on NNMC Administrators' claims they are "overburdened" by public records requests.

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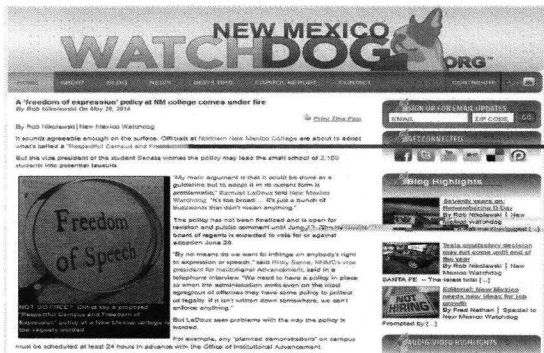
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